

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for datatype caching of an SQL template ~~with references~~ **including two or more tokens, each token referencing a different SQL template or an object**, comprising:
 ~~converting the SQL template into a converted SQL template~~ **replacing each of the two or more tokens of the SQL template** with an associated cast function **to form a converted SQL template**;
 acquiring a datatype of the converted SQL template; and
 storing the **acquired** datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL template.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~**1**, further comprising forming a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein forming the valid SQL template comprises acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising inquiring if a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:
 if the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified, re-evaluating an SQL template for the descendent and cascading a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium including a computer readable program, wherein the computer readable program when executed on a computer causes the computer to:

~~convert a SQL template into a converted SQL template~~ replace each of two or more tokens of a SQL template with an associated cast function to form a converted SQL template; acquire a datatype of the converted SQL template; and store the acquired datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL template.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim **98**, further comprising instructions causing the computer to form a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 10, wherein forming the valid SQL template comprises acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 8, further comprising instructions causing the computer to inquire if a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 13, further comprising instructions causing the computer to:

if the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified, re-evaluate an SQL template for the descendent and cascades a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template.

15. (Currently Amended) A system for datatype caching of an SQL template ~~with~~ references including two or more tokens, each token referencing a different SQL template or an object, comprising:

a computer;

means for ~~converting the SQL template into a converted SQL template~~ replacing each of the two or more tokens of the SQL template with an associated cast function to form a converted SQL template;

means for acquiring a datatype of the converted SQL template; and

means for storing the acquired datatype of the converted SQL template with the SQL template.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim ~~16~~15, further comprising means for forming a valid SQL statement from the converted SQL template.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the means for forming the valid SQL template comprises means for acquiring the datatype of the valid SQL statement.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the means for acquiring the datatype of the converted SQL statement comprises means for passing the valid SQL statement through an SQL processor.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

means for inquiring if a descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified;

and

means for re-evaluating an SQL template for the descendent and for cascading a modified datatype up to ancestors of the converted SQL template if the descendent of the converted SQL template has been modified.